

38.8 million in July 2002, an increase of nearly 10% from the 2000 census.

Unfortunately, over half of all Hispanics in the U.S. do not have health insurance. This is about 20 percent higher than the national average of approximately 30 percent.

I am especially concerned about the health of many of our nation's Hispanic seniors. Over 2.2 million Hispanics currently receive Social Security benefits.

Each time that a new tax cut is passed, we put our Social Security trust fund in further danger, thus eliminating future benefits for all Social Security recipients.

Moreover, without Social Security, over 55 percent of Hispanic seniors would be forced to live under the poverty rate.

I hope that my colleagues who supported tax cuts for the wealthy can sleep well at night knowing that their misguided policies may force millions of seniors to live in poverty.

JAY COUNTY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as the American people saw on national television this morning, the Indiana flood of 2003 moved forward at a heartbreaking, record-setting pace. I have appeared here in this chamber to tell you the St. Mary's River in Decatur, Indiana, crested last night at nearly 28 feet, an all-time historic high for that river. I have also mentioned the flooding in Bluffton, Indiana caused by record water levels on the Wabash River.

Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to recognize other areas of East Central Indiana affected by the flood of 2003 and those that have worked so hard to assuage the damage. Heroes such as Tami Mann, Director of Jay County Emergency Management. Robert Sours, Superintendent of the Jay County Highway Department and his crew. Jay County engineer Dan Watson.

I'd further like to thank all the city and county police officers in the areas affected. The Hoosier Heartland Chapter of the American Red Cross for its courageous work. And the countless volunteers who have worked diligently to battle the flooding. Their heroic efforts have kept roads open and communities safe.

The chaplain said today that "unless the Lord watches over the city" and surely, Mr. Speaker, we would ask the Lord to watch over these communities in Indiana affected by the flood of 2003 and all those who labored to protect them.

TRIBUTE TO PERRYNE THOMPSON

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Perryne Thompson of Detroit for her 30 years of service to the Detroit Public School system.

Mrs. Perryne Thompson began teaching in the Detroit Public School system over 30

years ago. For the last 20 years, she worked at Miller Middle School as the physical education and dance teacher. Additionally, for over five years, she served as a choreographer, administrator, and eventually director of the All City Middle School Dance Company.

As a Detroit Public School Teacher and while working with the All City Dance Company, she trained over 5,000 students in the art of tap, modern, and African dance. Mrs. Thompson exposed them to the roots of African and African-American culture through the art of dance by utilizing techniques such as those developed by Katherine Dunham.

She often spent long days and nights in preparation for both Miller Middle School and All City Dance concerts, which involved not only choreographing the events and teaching students how to become performers, but also selling candy to purchase fabric for costumes she made for her students.

Her tireless dedication to transmitting her knowledge of the art of dance and emphasis on hard work, diligence, and excellence lead a number of her students to pursue majors in dance in college and to join professional dance companies.

Mrs. Thompson is also the mother of Mischa Thompson, who is currently a congressional fellow in Representative CHARLES RANGEL's office and recently completed her Doctorate degree at the University of Michigan.

Detroit is privileged to have had such a dedicated member of the teaching profession for so many years. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Mrs. Perryne Thompson for her selfless dedication and service to the youth of Detroit through her role as a Detroit Public School Teacher.

IN HONOR OF MRS. PATTY CROWLEY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an exceptional advocate and friend from Chicago, Patty Crowley, who has dedicated herself to helping others and enriching our community. Mrs. Crowley is a longtime activist who unselfishly worked in support of worthy causes that helped advance women's rights, expand family programs, and increase housing opportunities.

Born on July 24, 1913, Mrs. Crowley continues to be a strong voice in our community today. She embodies the true spirit of human kindness.

In 1948, Mrs. Crowley and her husband Patrick co-founded the Christian Family Movement after a conference at the Vatican and served as co-presidents until 1970. Patty collaborated with Robert McClory to create the book *Turning Point*, which records the story of these events.

Later, Mrs. Crowley turned her attention to other causes. In the 1980's, she became active in public housing causes. She served as director of Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly until 1998, and worked closely with the Chicago Housing Board of Commissioners and the Jane Addams Advisory Council.

In 1985, Patty co-founded Deborah's Place, a shelter that provides housing and supportive

services to homeless women. She remains on the advisory council today. To commemorate her services, Deborah's Place will shortly be dedicating the Patty Crowley Apartments in her honor.

Patty's commitment to serving others extended beyond her impressive record of activism in advocacy groups and service organizations. In addition to her public work, Mrs. Crowley and her husband served as foster parents to over a dozen children, as well as hosting international exchange students.

On her 90th birthday, Patty Crowley's continued dedication to public service is an inspiration to each one of us and her lifetime achievements and commitment to activism are without match.

HONORING JAMES P. RAUSCH

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of James P. Rausch who retired on July 3, 2003, after 32 years of public service. At the time of his retirement, Jim was the Chief of the Congressional Affairs Office, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was a part of the Chief of Engineers' executive staff and the Chief's principle advisor for all legislative and congressional activities.

Jim is a lifelong resident of Maryland where he attended Towson State University and later earned a Master's Degree from the University of Maryland. Jim started federal service in 1971 with the Baltimore District of the Army Corps of Engineers where he worked on the Corps Chesapeake Bay Study and provided floodplain management services to communities to help them develop plans for reducing flood damages. In 1982 Jim accepted the first of several positions at the Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. While at Headquarters, Jim served a one-year Congressional Fellowship here in the House of Representatives. In 1991, Jim was selected to head up the Legislative Initiatives Branch in the Planning Division. He served as the principal contact for civil works matters for coordination with House and Senate public works committees. Jim had the lead on the development and defense of the Army Civil Works Legislative Program, which traditionally becomes the starting point for Congress as it puts together the water resources development acts to authorize important water resources projects and policies for the Corps of Engineers. He moved to his last position in the Corps in 1998 where he helped design the functions and structure of that office.

Jim and his wife Diane, who is a recently retired school teacher, will enjoy a trip to Ireland this summer. After that, I am sure that they both will remain active in community and government affairs for many years to come.

Jim Rausch has been a valuable member of the Corps team. Working mostly behind the scenes, Jim has been a key factor for many years in putting the right face of the Corps of Engineers before the Congress. At the same time he has communicated back to the Corps leadership the interests of the Legislative Branch. His comrades at the Corps and the